

nurse from 1958–1960 and cared for Turkish prisoners while living abroad with her late husband, Lt. Colonel Ronald Soltis, a U.S. Air Force pilot. After more than 19 years of active duty service, LTC Soltis died suddenly in a tragic training accident, leaving behind Mrs. Moore and their three children.

Larry Moore is a retired small businessman who ran his own auto repair shop before retiring. Although he has considerable back pain from spinal stenosis, Larry provided “sole care” for Maddie when Judy broke her arm after a fall on an icy road during the winter. By all accounts, he succeeded fantastically.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans should share the pride that I feel for the Moore and Soltis families. They represent the best of American military service, our responsibility to our children, and our willingness to sacrifice in times of national need.

HONORING OAKLAND POLICE
CHIEF RICHARD L. WORD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of Chief Richard L. Word of the Oakland Police Department in Oakland, California. After more than two decades of dedicated service, Chief Word will be leaving the Oakland area, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his contributions not only to the Police Department, but to the community as a whole.

Born and reared in San Francisco's Ingleside District, Chief Word graduated from Riordan High School in 1980. Following his time at Riordan, where he excelled academically and was a valued leader in the campus' Black Student Union, Chief Word attended San Francisco State University as well as the University of San Francisco. He then devoted two years to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department as a cadet and subsequently entered the Oakland Police Academy, where he would go on to become the valedictorian of the 1984 recruiting class.

Following his graduation, Chief Word rose quickly through the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant before being promoted to Captain in 1997 and was later sworn in as Oakland's Chief of Police on July 2, 1999. As the Chief of Police for the past five years, Chief Word has been a distinguished leader in many ways. Not only was he the youngest Chief in the Oakland Police Department's history, but his selection was also one of the first steps taken by Mayor Jerry Brown as part of his plan to dramatically reduce crime rates in the City of Oakland. In working to reach this goal, Chief Word employed a number of methods and strategies, such as strengthening the Department's Crime Analysis Section, assigning more officers to the field, and building closer ties to Oakland's neighborhoods through community policing, the use of joint problem-solving programs by community policing officers and neighborhood residents, and the establishment of the Youth Citizens Police Academy, which is comprised of youth from all of Oakland's high schools.

In addition to his work within the Police Department, Chief Word is involved with a num-

ber of community and professional organizations. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland, and the California Police Chiefs Association. He also serves as Vice President of the Alameda County Police Chiefs' and Sheriffs' Association, and is a member of both the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Black Forum of Black Public Administrators. In addition to his accomplishments within the police force, Chief Word also earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from John F. Kennedy University, from which he graduated cum laude, and a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University. Furthermore, he completed the FBI National Academy, and recently graduated from the FBI National Executive Institute.

On November 12, 2004, Chief Word will be honored in Oakland, California for twenty years of outstanding service to the Oakland Police Department and the City of Oakland. This occasion is an opportunity for us to recognize him not only for his service within the Police Department, but also for his outstanding leadership on the issues of crime prevention and the development of community partnerships between law enforcement officers and neighborhood residents. By remaining active in and dedicated to these vital areas, Chief Word has contributed enormously to the City of Oakland and California's 9th Congressional District. I salute and congratulate Chief Word for his many years of invaluable service.

RECOGNIZING ADMIRAL RICHARD
TRULY ON HIS RETIREMENT AS
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American. At the end of this year, after a lifetime of dedicated service to his country, Admiral Richard Truly will be stepping down as Director of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) located in Golden, Colorado.

As many of you know, NREL is the U.S. Department of Energy's premier laboratory for renewable energy research and development and a leading laboratory for energy efficiency research. Since first being elected to Congress two years ago, I have had the distinct pleasure of representing NREL and the many talented and dedicated employees that work at the lab. Through the leadership of Admiral Truly, NREL has continued to be at the forefront of new scientific discoveries, developing new energy technologies to benefit both the environment and the economy.

I first became acquainted with Richard Truly through his position as Director of NREL, but as I later learned this is but one of the many great contributions he has made to his country in his storied career as a public servant. Prior to his service at NREL, Admiral Truly served as NASA's eighth Administrator under President Bush from 1989–92, and his career in aviation and space programs of the U.S. Navy and NASA spanned 35 years. He retired as a

Vice Admiral after a Navy career of more than 30 years. As a naval aviator, test pilot and astronaut, he logged over 7,500 hours and made over 300 carrier arrested landings, day and night.

Under his leadership, NASA matured the Space Shuttle, solidified Space Station plans and initiated new space science and aeronautics programs. He initiated major acquisition reforms and significantly streamlined the agency. He continually placed a very strong emphasis on NASA's math and science educational programs. In recognition of these accomplishments, President Reagan awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal to Admiral Truly in 1989.

While I am quite certain that the great works that Admiral Truly and his staff have been able to accomplish since he began serving as Director of NREL in May of 1997 will continue under new leadership, the next Director will certainly have big shoes to fill.

Again, I want to congratulate him for his many outstanding years of public service. I wish both him and his wife many years of happiness as they move into this new stage of their lives.

HONORING NEW JERSEY BLOOD
SERVICES

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of New Jersey's Blood Services on their 30th Anniversary.

Since September 1973, New Jersey Blood Services has been serving the residents of New Jersey by collecting blood, holding blood drives and recruiting donors. NJBS has collected more than 2.2 million blood donations throughout its 30-year history, has developed important relationships with the American Red Cross and fostered several partnerships to provide health services throughout the State of New Jersey.

NJBS has pioneered efforts in mobile apheresis collections that have gained the attention of collection organizations throughout the country. The group also has piloted several programs to ensure the safety of both blood donors and recipients. Its efforts, combined with those of New Jersey-based businesses, have lead to tremendous success in local blood drives to provide for New Jersey's blood needs.

Mr. Speaker, I commend all Americans who work hard to support the blood supply needs of the United States. These men and women work tirelessly to protect and preserve the lives and health of their fellow citizens.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the New Jersey Blood Service for its 30 years of service to our communities.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
THEODORE “SAM” HOLDER II

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and heartfelt admiration that I rise